How do the IVP Standards and Indicators relate to Public Health Accreditation?

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Public Health Accreditation

- Demonstrates the capacity of the public health department to deliver the three core functions and 10 essential services of public health

Focus: Agency capacity, rather than program-specific standards

One component of Accreditation: Documentation selection and submission

EXAMPLE:
Domain 1, Standard 1.4
Measure: Use data to recommend and inform public health policy, processes, programs, and/or interventions.
Potential documentation examples: Meeting minutes, changes to health department web site, documented program improvements, or a revised or new policy or procedure.
Documentation for IVP Standards and Indicators

**EXAMPLE:**

**Standard V:** The local health department utilizes data to inform and strengthen its capacity to address the causes of injury and violence across the lifespan.

**Indicator:** The IVP program utilizes data to develop sound IVP programming and evaluate current IVP efforts.

**Potential method of documentation:** Documentation of how data have been used to establish prevention priorities and programs, and to conduct evaluation.

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Relationship between Accreditation and S&I

- Documentation required for the IVP S&I can be used to meet some of the documentation requirements of Accreditation.
- However, Accreditation requires documentation from more than just a single program.
- Thus, S&I documentation can support Accreditation but, on its own, is not sufficient for Accreditation.
- Additionally, S&I can help LHDs to strengthen programs identified as areas of weakness.

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Important Distinctions

- S&I is a self-assessment and quality improvement tool, rather than an official recognition system.
- Accreditation seeks to improve agency capacity, rather than program-specific capacity.
Next Steps for the S&I

- Crosswalk S&I with Accreditation
- Create *systems* capacity assessment tool
- Pilot the tool with LHDs